

theCHITIMACHA NEWSLETTER

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**NEWSLETTER
EDITOR**

Ted M. Darden

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE



Chairman Ralph C. Darden

I have returned to work full time as of September 15th. I completed treatments on September 5th and in three weeks my neck has healed from the radiation. I visited the doctor on September 29th and I was given a clean bill of health. The doctor was surprised himself and had to check me twice because he said the cancer was gone and no trace of it could be found. I want to thank each and every one of you for the prayers, get well cards, and the comforting words to me and my family as we went through this difficult time in our lives. I also understand that all the churches in the area had me on their prayer list as well as all of the black churches. My thanks to all of you.

General Meeting

A general meeting will be held on October 25, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss raising the per capita payments from 33% to the maximum allowed by federal law which is 50%. According to the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance which was passed by the people, any amendment to the ordinance shall be by a majority vote of the enrolled members of the tribe who are qualified to vote in elections. They shall vote at a General Tribal Meeting specifically called and noticed for that purpose. Voters must be 21 years of age and older and at least 30% of those entitled to vote shall cast ballots.

Construction

As all of you that live on the reservation can see, the new streets are under construction to create about 50 more lots. This project is moving along quite rapidly with getting all of the sewer and water lines in as well as the new road itself. This new development will have curb and gutter along the streets.

The Tribal Council has just made a decision to renovate part of the Charenton school to make a new court facility. We have outgrown our present court system and we are in dire need of a larger facility. It will cost tribal government approximately \$450,000 to construct a new court. All has been approved by the Council and construction should start soon.

The tribe has just been notified by HUD that we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$640,000 to build a clinic on the reservation. Tribal government will put in about \$85,000 matching and hopefully this will help us to improve health care and stretch our dollars a little further.

Renovations at the casino are going very well with the Pavilion expecting to be completed by January. The Raintree Room is now under conversion with more slots and table games going in and this should be done and opened by the end of this month.

In closing, I would like to thank Billy and Jeri St. Blanc for a job well done with our children. Our school has been named a State Champion by the Presidents Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Winners were selected on their achievement in the Presidents Challenge Physical Fitness Awards Program. The award is presented to schools with the highest number of students scoring at or above the 85 percentile on the Presidents Challenge.

Until Next Month!!!

"Kop's Korner"

**News from the Chitimacha P.D.
Frank McCloskey, Police Chief**



SEPTEMBER 1997

For the month of September the police department issued one traffic citation for speeding and logged four arrests on charges of aggravated battery, felony theft and simple burglary, and one outstanding warrant from the St. Mary parish Sheriff's Office for failure to appear on a traffic violation for speeding.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE

We welcome to the police department, John Burgess. John has been with the department as a reserve officer and started as a full-time police officer on October 3, 1997. Glad to have you as part of the team!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS VISIT

On August 29 and September 23, 1997, we were thrilled to have the Chitimacha Tribal School kindergarten students, their teachers and some parents tour the police department. The children saw different equipment in the department and how it functions. They also got to work the lights and siren on the police unit. The tours ended with each child receiving coloring books, pencils, candy and a junior police badge. We welcome them to come back and visit with us again.

**1997 RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 17 - 26, 1997
"CELEBRATE WITH ME! I'M
DRUG-FREE!"**

RED RIBBON HISTORY

On Thursday, February 7, 1985, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, 37, stashed his badge and his service revolver in his desk drawer and headed for lunch with his wife, Mika, 34. Kiki, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Agent, had been on the trail of Mexico's marijuana and cocaine barons. He was due to be reassigned in three weeks, having come dangerously close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline, which he suspected extended into the highest reaches of the Mexican army, police, and government.

According to the DEA's reconstruction of events, five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him into a car. That was the last time anyone but his kidnappers would see him alive.

Kiki Camarena's body was found one month later in the shallow grave, 70 miles from Michoacan, Mexico. He had been tortured, beaten, and brutally murdered. Mika would have to tell her three sons that their daddy would not be coming home again.

News of this tragedy was hitting newspapers, radio stations, and television news broadcasts, and members of the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth (now the National Family Partnership) were angry and sick of the killing and destruction caused by alcohol and other drugs.

The red ribbon became their symbol to eliminate the demand for drugs, and the Red Ribbon Campaign became the catalyst to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, work places, and communities. In 1988, the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth coordinated the first Red Ribbon Week, an eight-day celebration proclaimed by the congress of the United States.

Each year since 1988, larger and greater support of the cause and symbol of the Red Ribbon Campaign has impacted millions of Americans like no other drug prevention movement in history.

Through a steady increase in corporate support, government participation, and community involvement, that little piece of red satin has become one of the most powerful symbols of drug prevention in America!

In St. Mary Parish the Red Ribbon Week activities will kick off with Operation Red Light Motorcade on Saturday, October 18, 1997. The convoy of emergency vehicles will travel through the parish, beginning in Amelia and ending in Glencoe.

It is a fact that alcohol and other drug abuse in this nation has reached epidemic stages and it is more important than ever that visible, unified prevention education efforts by community members be launched to eliminate

the demand for drugs. It is not just the responsibility of law enforcement officials to fight the war on drugs but it must be an effort made by every community member.

- How many families do you know that have been torn apart by alcohol and drugs?
- How many children's lives have been for ever altered from observing the destruction caused by the consumption of alcohol and drugs right in their own households?
- What are the chances that these children will be abusers themselves? The chances are excellent--children live what they learn.
- Can you help make a difference? Yes you can. If you are abusing alcohol or drugs, or both, you can get help and during this special time you may make a decision to stay sober and drug-free and wear that special red ribbon for the rest of your life.
- If you know someone whose life is being torn apart by drug abuse keep encouraging them to sober up and stay clean--living a drug-free, healthy lifestyle is the best high you can experience.

Contact your local law enforcement agency or social services department for further help and information on staying drug-free.

REMEMBER--IT'S NOT THE JOB OF ANY ONE PERSON TO GET PEOPLE TO STOP USING DRUGS. USERS MUST TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES AND DECIDE TO STOP USING DRUGS!

1-800-COCAINE Answers emergency questions about cocaine use.

1-800-662-HELP This toll-free, 24-hour hotline can tell you how and where to get help for alcohol and other drug problems.

IF THERE'S NO DEMAND, THE SUPPLY WILL DWINDLE. MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

ATTENTION JUNIOR POLICE MEMBERS

THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT THE CHITIMACHA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1997, AT 1:00 P.M. TO MAKE PLANS FOR DRUG FREE WEEK DECORATE DAY AND A PIZZA PARTY! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

"Celebrate with me! I'm Drug-Free!"

1997 St. Mary Parish Red Ribbon Week Schedule

FRI, OCT. 17	"TABLOID" Published in Daily Review & Banner Tribune	WED, OCT. 22	"WEAR RED ALL DAY" All citizens encouraged to wear RED clothing.
SAT, OCT. 18	"MOTORCADE - OPERATION RED LIGHT" Convoy of emergency vehicles travels through the parish. Begins under Amelia bridge and ends at the Glencoe Store.	THURS, OCT. 23	"D.A.R.E. DAY" Law enforcement officials visit schools.
SUN, OCT. 19	"HANDS OF FAITH: PRAYER RALLY" Held at Berwick Civic Center, 3:30 p.m.	FRI, OCT. 24	"LIGHT THE WAY DAY" Citizens asked to drive with headlights on.
MON, OCT. 20	"DECORATE DAY" Bows on doors, mailboxes and autos. Scouts tie ribbons on street signs. D.A.R.E. Officers tie ribbons on Hwy. 90.		"C.A.R.E. FAIR" Programs for headstart and day care centers, Berwick Civic Center, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
TUES, OCT. 21	"REACH OUT DAY" Businesses read messages over intercom.	SAT, OCT. 25	"BRIDGING THE GAP" Family fun day at Cannata's "Zoo to Boo". Games and entertainment. Morgan City Petting Zoo, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
		SUN, OCT. 26	"GIVING THANKS DAY" Prayer gathering of Thanks and hope held at City Hall in Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

TRIBAL COURT NEWS

From: Holly A. Robicheaux, Tribal Courts Director

CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

CASES: (10)

7 Civil Actions (5 Garnishments and 2 Civil Torts); and
2 Domestic Actions (Petitions For Disb. Of Funds); and
1 Traffic (Civil Infraction)

MORTGAGES AND LIENS: (10)

Assignments

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS: (02)

Residential Leases

COURT OF APPEALS: (00)

**TOTAL ACTIONS PROCESSED
IN SEPTEMBER
(22)**

CASES PENDING AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1997:

TRIAL COURT: (20)

12	Civil (10 Torts/2Reg. Civil)
02	Criminal
04	Domestic Relations
02	Juvenile
00	Traffic

APPELLATE COURT: (01)

01	Civil Tort Action
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COURT SESSIONS:

TRIBAL TRIAL COURT:

SEPTEMBER SESSIONS:

REGULAR SESSION:

The monthly Tribal Trial Court session was held on September 3, 1997, at which time 4 matters were scheduled to be heard;

- (1) CRIMINAL (1 Rule To Show Cause);
- (2) DOMESTIC (1 Hear. On Pet. For Disbur. Of Funds; and 1 Hear. On Request for Chg. In Visitation);
- (1) CIVIL TORT ACTION (1 Preliminary Hearing)

SPECIAL SESSIONS:

A special session was held on September 9, 1997, at which time a Status Conference on a Reg. Civil Complaint was conducted via telephone conference; and;

A special session was also held on September 12, 1997, at which time 10 matters were scheduled to be heard;

- (9) Pre-Trial Conferences, and;
- (1) Hearing on Motions

OCTOBER SESSIONS:

REGULAR SESSION:

The monthly Tribal Trial Court session was held on October 1, 1997, at which time 9 matters were scheduled to be heard;

- (1) JUVENILE (1 Review Hearing);
- (2) TRAFFIC (2 Civil Infractions);
- (1) REGULAR CIVIL (1 Civil Complaint);
- (2) DOMESTIC (2 Petitions for Divorce);
- (3) CIVIL TORT ACTIONS (2 Prelim. Hearings; and 1 Rule To Show Cause)

SPECIAL SESSION:

Our two week Jury Trial Docket was scheduled to begin October 13th through 24th, 1997. However, a number of the cases scheduled have settled therefore, there will only be one week of Jury Trials beginning Monday, October 13th.

NEXT REGULAR SESSION

Our next regular session is scheduled for November 4, 1997, with open session beginning at 10:00 a.m.

TRIBAL APPELLATE COURT :

Oral Arguments are scheduled to be heard on November 10, 1997 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at 923-7806.

Child Search

By Lee Ann LeBlanc

If you know of any handicapped individuals between the ages of birth to 21 years of age who are not receiving educational services, contact Lee Ann LeBlanc, Special Education Teacher or Dr. David Bass, Principal at the Chitimacha Tribal School, 923-9960.

What is a good reason to call?

A child may have:

- a very low birth weight
- a genetic condition
- dropped out of school

A child may have trouble:

- talking
- seeing
- hearing
- moving
- thinking

What happens next?

With the consent of the parent(s), the Tribal School system will arrange for a complete evaluation. If the individual is handicapped and in need of special services, the parent(s) and the local school system personnel will make decisions together, taking into account the age and the needs of the individual in order to provide a free, appropriate education for Native Americans.

Health Department News/Activities

By Peggy Gaddy, Health Director

The Health Department is planning to offer mammograms on site for community members tentatively set for November 13, 1997 for women 35 years and older. The mammograms will be performed by Women & Children's Hospital here at the Health Department. Services for Tribal women will be covered by the Health Department after other resources have paid. Non-tribal community members and tribal employees may participate but will be responsible for payment. Insurance billing will be handled through Women & Children's Hospital which will accept personal insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and cash/checks. Anyone interested in participating please contact Pat Goutirez at 923-9955 by 10/17/97. Women & Children's Hospital requires a physician's referral for the mammogram. If participants would like assistance in obtaining a referral from their physician, please contact Pat Goutirez before 11/6/97.

The Annual Health Fair is going to be held November 25, 1997. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

As the Chairman has mentioned in his notes, the Tribe has received a Community Development Block Grant through HUD to construct a new health clinic. The staff at the Health Dept. is very excited about the expanded services we will be able to offer on the Reservation in the near future.

As you may or may not be aware, as of September 2nd the health program ran out of federal money for medical care. The Tribe has been funding medical care since that time. New funding will not be received until January. Please be mindful about undue spending at this time and always.

NOTICE

Dr. Deshotel will be here October 23rd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00.

**CONGRATULATIONS! CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL STUDENTS
ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD**

HOUSING NEWS
By Marilyn Burgess

HOUSING COMMISSIONERS:

We now have a vacancy on our Board of Commissioners due to the recent resignation of Earlene Thomas. This position will be filled by the Tribal Council. I would like to say "Thanks" to Earlene for the time and hard work that she did give to Housing. I really appreciate the help that she gave to me and I will really miss her.

NEW HOUSING ACT:

We are presently working on our 1 and 5 year housing plans that need to be in HUD's office by November 3, 1997. These plans will include our needs and the ways that we are proposing to spend our allocation. At this time, we are anticipating an allocation of an estimated \$153,000.

We recently met with First National Bank of Jeanerette to discuss ways of helping Tribal Members to obtain a loan for a home. We feel that since we will not be sufficiently funded by HUD for future homes, we need to help Tribal Members who are capable and interested in obtaining a home. We will be getting letters out to all persons on our Waiting List to find out who would be interested in obtaining loans from local banks.

Again, if you are interested in housing, please come by the office to fill out an application or call and I will mail one to you.

HOUSING MEETINGS:

Our regular housing meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:00 P.M. at the Housing Office. I ask for your cooperation when you wish to be placed on the agenda, by calling me no later than 5:00 P.M. on the Wednesday before the meeting. I try to post the meeting notices a week in advance so that everyone is aware of the date.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Marguerite Vietta will be here during the week of October 13 to help finalize our housing plans.

Tony and I will be attending a USET Meeting from October 27-29, 1997. The office will be closed during those days.

Our annual audit is scheduled for the week of October 20th.

HIP APPLICATIONS:

As always, if you are interested in HIP assistance, come by the office and pick up an application. **ALL APPLICATIONS ARE HANDLED THROUGH THE HOUSING OFFICE AND NOT THE MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER.** Applications are reviewed and ranked according to the guidelines set forth by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

IF ANYONE HAS A QUESTION OR WOULD LIKE TO JUST SIT AND TALK ABOUT HOUSING ISSUES, PLEASE CALL OR COME BY THE OFFICE AND I WILL BE MORE THAN WILLING TO ASSIST YOU. AGAIN, IF I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER, I WILL TRY MY BEST TO GET IT FOR YOU. THE NUMBER TO THE HOUSING-OPERATIONS OFFICE IS 923-9125.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
By Tony Darden

Here's the run down on what happened, what's going on and what's in the works in the Public Works Department.

The department would like to say **THANK YOU** to Bruce Burgess for working with us this summer. Bruce left to return back to college. Good luck this semester.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

We are doing some renovations to the Health Building. We are currently in the process of painting the interior and installing some new carpets which is long over due. We would like to apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused.

NEW SUBDIVISION

You may have noticed that work has begun and currently we are installing sewer lines and roads. Next step will be the utilities. Let's hope that we will have favorable weather until the project is completed. I will keep you informed of the progress as the project moves along..

GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

Shell Western E & P Inc., a geophysical survey company, has applied for a geophysical permit to do a 3-D survey on the Reservation. It was approved at the Tribal Council meeting and now it will be sent to Eastern Area Office for their approval. We will keep you informed when they will start the survey.

PRIVATE DUMPSTER

The large dumpster by the maintenance barn is for public works use only, this dumpster is limited to certain kind of trash, Household garbage is not allowed in this container. Also the dumpster at the Trading Post is for trash from the Trading Post and Tribal Building's only. Private and household garbage should be disposed of at the Parish Dump in Franklin, Located on Northwest Boulevard. Thank you for your cooperation.

WASTE OIL

Please remember that the maintenance department is still accepting waste oil if you have any you may bring it to the maintenance shop. This service is available only between the hours of 7:30 A.M thru 5:00 P.M Monday - Thursday. Check with one of the maintenance workers prior to any disposal.

*Public Works:
Lands, Sewer, Utilities, Facilities, And Roads.
If we can help call Public Works Dept. @ 923-9125 or use
the emergency number of 828-6708.*

ENROLLMENT NEWS:

BY: Ardith Soprano, Enrollment Officer

JUST A REMINDER!!! Please notify the Enrollment Office in the event of:

1. Births
2. Deaths
3. Marriages (name changes)
4. Adoptions
5. Address and phone number changes

With the end of the year fast approaching, it is imperative that we have up-to-date information on all Tribal Members. So, if you or a family member has had any changes in information, please contact the Enrollment Office at (318)-923-2463.

GED NEWS:

BY: Ardith Soprano, Continuing Education Coordinator

GED classes have begun!!! Interest in the GED Program has been great! This new school year we have enrolled 8 new students. We also have those students who have returned from last year.

Classes are held in the Chitimacha Tribal School cafeteria on Monday and Tuesday nights starting at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in joining the GED Program can sign up with the Teachers during regular class hours or may come by my office to sign up.

NOTICE : There are some of you out there who may be interested in the GED Program but who need pre-GED classes. I am working on getting a literacy program started here to assist you in your efforts to obtain your GED. Thus far, I have one student and one tutor awaiting training so that they can start their education program. If you feel that you need assistance prior to GED, please notify this office so that I can set up a training session for you.

STUDENT AID PROGRAM NEWS:

BY: Ardith Soprano, Continuing Education Coordinator

SPRING APPLICATIONS: Application packets for the Spring 1998 semester are being prepared. If you are planning to attend college or vocational school for the Spring, please notify this office to place your name on the mailing list. Applications should be ready for mail out by October 10, 1997. The Spring 1998 semester **application deadline is November 25, 1997.**

If you are new to the program, you must submit a copy of your high school records showing that you have successfully completed high school (GED certificate is acceptable). If you are a returning student, you must submit a copy of your college transcript. New and returning students: must provide

a copy of your acceptance letter from the school of your choice, and you must provide documentation that shows that you have applied for Federal Financial Aid.

Should you have any questions concerning the Spring 1998 applications, please call (318) 923-2463.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: Each year the Student Aid Committee selects one student to receive the Post Secondary Scholastic Achievement Award.

Applications have been sent out to those students who qualify for this award. Thus far only two applications have been returned. If you have received an application, I urge you to take the time to complete the application process!

If you have any questions or if you have not received an application and you feel that you qualify, please call (318) 923-2463.

SENIOR DAY ON CAMPUS AT USL: All high school seniors and their parents are invited to attend "Senior Day on Campus" on November 1, 1997. Activities are scheduled to begin at 8:00 am in the Student Union.

The day will begin with registration, tours of the campus, and tours of the residence halls. "Senior Day on Campus" will give you an excellent opportunity to learn more about USL's academic offerings. You will have the opportunity to visit with students and faculty, take part in extracurricular activities, and become a college student for a day!

Registration forms can be obtained through this office. The application deadline is October 24, 1997.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

OCTOBER 25, 1997: Volunteers are needed to assist the administration with registration and set-up for the General Meeting scheduled for October 25, 1997. If you can participate, please call me to schedule your hours.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL: The Chitimacha Tribal School is having its annual Halloween carnival on October 30, 1997. They will be glad for any volunteers to help construct booths as well as man booths for the carnival. If you can volunteer for this project, please call me.

NOVEMBER 25, 1997: The Annual Health Fair and Thanksgiving Feast are scheduled for November 25, 1997. The Health Department is seeking assistance for registration, face painting, manning booths, etc. If you can volunteer, please call.

Also, volunteers are needed to assist in set-up and clean-up for the feast as well as assistance with serving the elders. Any volunteers are asked to call to schedule your hours.

Cultural Department News

By Kimberly S. Walden

On September 4, 1997, Miss Chtimacha Nation, Nikina Vilcan, Jr. Chitimacha Nation, Nicole Clements and I traveled to Hartford Connecticut for the Sixth Annual Feast of the Green Corn and Dance Schemitzun PowWow presented by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. The PowWow was amazing. There were 70 drum groups and over 2,000 dancers from over 100 different tribes. The Grand Entry took hours and the arena of the Hartford Civic Center was packed with dancers. We had a wonderful time watching the dance competitions and we also got some great ideas for regalia. We videoed the event to share with the community. Anyone interested in borrowing the video is welcome to do so.

The Cultural Department held a fan making workshop this month. We want to thank Mr. Nick Stouff for his time and willingness to share his knowledge with us. Mr. Nick has also offered to instruct a jewelry class. During this class participants will learn to make a silver bracelet and ring. Anyone interested in attending this workshop, please contact the Cultural Department.

Native American Dance/Drum classes have been set for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. These classes will be held at the Chitimacha School Gym from 6:00 to 7:30. These classes will be taught by Barry Langley and Roland Castille of the Coushatta Tribe. Barry and Roland will also teach dance to the CTS students during their P.E. classes on those days. The first class will be held on Oct.22, 1997. Please come out and join us.

We would like to remind the women and girls in the community that the Cultural Department is still willing to help make shawls. Anyone interested in making a shawl should contact the department.

Some of our Tribal Elder women came in and made shawls. We all had an enjoyable time working together. As we were talking, our conversation turned to recipes and the idea of a Community Cookbook arose. The Cultural Department is now asking for any tribal and/or community members to submit their favorite family recipes to the department. Ms. Heloise Lange and Ms. Dorothy Newman have volunteered to help the department gather and organize recipes to be published

in a cookbook. If you have a recipe to share please bring, mail (P.O. Box 661), or fax (923-6848) them to our department. We appreciate your help with this project.

The department is also planning a cooking class in which Tribal Elders will teach participants how to cook some of their favorite dishes. Anyone interested in participating should contact the department.

The vocabulary tapes for the Chitimacha language curriculum presently being taught at the CTS have been completed and delivered to the teachers for immediate use. CTS students will receive a copy of these tapes. Anyone interested in learning the core vocabulary that our school is using should call the department to request a copy of the tapes. The tapes of the grammar book, Lesson Book 1 and Lesson Book 2 should be completed soon. Lesson books will be copied at Kinko's and they should be completed about the same time as the tapes. As soon as these materials are ready we will begin language classes and begin mailing the materials to each Tribal household. If you have recently changed your address, please contact the department so that we can update our records.

Cultural Community News

By Carolyn Savage

September was a busy month as well as a fun month. We are beginning to grow on Monday night for beading class. Those who come say it's relaxing as well as rewarding. The time we spend together is also enjoyable. I invite you to come and join us on Monday nights at 6:00.

A few of our elders came and made shawls. They did a great job and we thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them. Shawls were also made for the Pre-K girls. I want to thank those who helped us fringe the girls' shawls.

Mr. Nick Stouff had a fan-making class for us on August 20. It took us most of the day but we all had a great time and we were all proud of our fans.. We hope to be teaching the class to others in our community. If you are interested, please call us at 923-9923 and we will put your name on the list. When we have enough for a class we will call you.

Remembering your ancestors with pride and honoring their memories for the struggles they endured is an inherent part of your culture. The following written documentation is true and fully documented. Professor M.R. Harrington gave the following address at the second conference of The Society of American Indians during the week of October 2nd to the 7th, 1912, at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. It was titled "Grievances of the Chitimacha Indians Living Near Charenton, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana."

"The Chitimacha Indians of Louisiana are very much disturbed over some recent murders of members of their tribe by white men who were never brought to justice. The murderers were not even arrested; consequently the Indians go about their work in fear of their lives. They told me that they would like to move to some other neighborhood if it were possible, where they could raise their children without the feeling that they were bringing them up only for some drunken white men to kill. When I visited them in March and April, 1908, they requested me to lay the facts before some officer of the government in the hope that an investigation might be started and justice obtained for them if possible.

The first case was the cold-blooded slaughter of an Indian woman and two Indian men, entirely innocent of wrongdoing, in their yard, Christmas, 1901, by three white men.

The second case was the murder of an Indian in a barroom at Charenton, at the hands of white men, identity not known. This happened February 23, 1908.

I took evidence in both cases from Benjamin Paul, the Chitimacha Chief, from Christine Paul, his wife, from Delphine Stouff, a Chitimacha woman, and Octave Stouff, her white husband. The stories they told were as follows:

Case 1. On Christmas Eve, 1901, Gabriel Mora, an Indian, had been drinking a little and got into a fight with a negro at Charenton, no harm resulting to either combatant. Jules Darden, another Indian, took Mora home and then went back to buy something for Christmas. When he was in Charenton he was accosted by Alfred Pecot, a deputy sheriff, who demanded to know what he had been doing. Darden replied that he had not been doing anything, which was true, as he had not been mixed up in the fight. The deputy tried then to strike him, but the Indian held the officer off. While they were scuffling, the crowd attacked the Indian, threw him down and beat him severely. Darden would have been killed if it had not been for his sister, Delphine Stouff, who dragged him unconscious away from the crowd. The deputy wanted to shoot her, but some one in the crowd persuaded him to refrain.

Christmas morning the deputy, Alfred Pecot, accompanied by Charles Pecot, and Ernest Dele, all white, came to the home of the Pauls (Indians) and when they arrived at the gate called for Oliver Paul, an Indian boy, who had not been involved in the trouble at all. Benjamin Paul, the boy's brother, John Paul, his father, and William Paul, his uncle, went down to

the gate to see what was wanted. They were unarmed while the three men all had guns.

They found that the men wanted to arrest the boy Oliver, but would not tell what he was charged with and had no warrant to show.

The boy came out then and denied that he had done anything. But the deputy, who had his handcuffs ready, ordered the boy to "Come Here!". Frightened at the pointing guns and the handcuffs, the boy turned and started to run back to the house, when he was fired upon by all three whites and instantly killed. Three Winchester balls penetrated his body.

The uncle, William Paul, cried "This can't be done!" and attacked the three men with a small pocket knife with which he had been whittling—only to be shot dead in his tracks.

The father, John Paul, exclaimed: "You have killed my boy!" The whites knocked him down with their guns at this and began to beat him, when the old man's daughter, Jules Darden's wife, ran out and tried to stop them. They shot her in the head, and she died shortly after. When Jules Darden heard his wife's scream (he had risen from his bed where he lay sick on account of his injuries of the night before) he fired at the white men from the window with a shotgun. The whites left in a hurry and gathered a mob in Charenton to come back and massacre all the Indians, but some priests stopped further violence.

Next day the sheriff came and arrested the surviving men and left the women to take care of the dead. The Indians were held in jail awhile on the charge of resisting an officer but were later released. The murderers were never even arrested, and the Indians could get no hearing or redress.

Case 2. On February 22, 1908, Jules Darden, the Indian whose wife had been shot, went to Charenton, to the barroom. He never went armed, and had always born a good reputation. At 11 o'clock that night two colored boys, one 12 years old, the other 14, brought back his body in a wagon, fairly cut to pieces---thirteen cuts on his body and his skull crushed. Although he was still alive when brought in, he died shortly after. The Indians suspected John Veeder and George Veeder who keeps a store and saloon, of committing the crime, but the grand jury returned "no true bill." The only satisfaction the Indians received was a letter from the district attorney saying, "The grand jury found 'no true bill' against Mr. Veeder—which of course ends the matter," (!) the italics are mine—I think these Indians deserve an investigation and justice if it can be obtained for them".

University of Pennsylvania Museum,
Philadelphia, Pa.

*Note: The Indian woman killed, Virginia Paul Darden, was eight months pregnant at the time. Her husband Jules Darden, who died 7 years later, was stabbed so badly that he literally bled to death, with pans placed under the bed to catch the flow. These two people were the parents of Arthur Darden, who was raised by Chief Benjamin Paul. Arthur was the father of present day Chairman Ralph Darden.

CHITIMACHA SENIOR PROGRAM CALENDAR
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		October 1, 1997 Breakfast Smothered Steak, Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls & Jello Activity: Shopping	October 2, 1997 Meatloaf, Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	October 3, 1997 Hot Dogs, Veggie Tray, Potato Chips & Fruit
October 6, 1997 Beef Stew, Rice, Beet Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	October 7, 1997 Pork Chops, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Roll & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	October 8, 1997 Breakfast Meatballs w/Tomato Gravy, Rice, White Beans Squash, Rolls & Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	October 9, 1997 Red Beans, Rice, Sausage, Asparagus, Roll & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	October 10, 1997 Shrimp Okra Gumbo, Rice, Potato Salad, Rolls & Fruit
October 13, 1997 Columbus Day Holiday Office Closed	October 14, 1997 Baked Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Peas & Carots, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	October 15, 1997 Breakfast Groundmeat Spaghetti, Peas, Potato Salad, Garlic Bread & Cake Activity: Reg Bingo	October 16, 1997 Corn Soup, Sandwiches, Veggie Tray, Rolls & Pudding Activity: Shopping	October 17, 1997 Tuna Fish, Salmon Patties, Tator Tots, Veggie Tray & Fruit
October 20, 1997 Brisket, Rice Dressing, Green Beans, Salad Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	October 21, 1997 Pork Chops, Machou, Cheese Potatoes, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	October 22, 1997 Breakfast Chicken Stew, Rice, Broccoli, Salad, Rolls & Pudding Activity: Shopping	October 23, 1997 Smothered Meatballs, Field Peas, Rice, Squash, Rolls & Ice Cream Activity: Lil Bingo	October 24, 1997 Fried Catfish, Potato Salad, Veggie Tray, Rolls & Surprise
October 27, 1997 Baked Ham, White Beans, Rice, Salad, Rolls, Asparagus & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	October 28, 1997 Smothered Chicken, Crowder Peas, Rice, Salad, Rolls & Pie Activity: Lil Bingo	October 29, 1997 Breakfast Red Beans, Rice, Fresh Sausage, Broccoli n Cauliflower, Rolls & Fruit Activity: Lil Bingo	October 30, 1997 Pork Roast, Lima Beans, Rice, Yams, Cabbage Rolls & Pudding Activity: Lil Bingo	October 31, 1997 Shrimp Stew, Rice, Corn, Potato Salad, Rolls & Fruit

OCTOBER 1997 BIRTHDAYS

Slim Sedatol 10/5
Willie Boudreaux 10/17

Lois Darden 10/8/??
Dan Darden 10/25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU AND HAVE MANY MORE!!!

Recreation News

By Jeri St.Blanc

September has been a little wild. The kids have been training on tight schedules. Juggling soccer, fall baseball, and cross-country schedules and still keeping homework and academics on the front burner has been real creative. We have had an overwhelming soccer turnout. 6 teams playing on 3 separate fields at the same time is real exciting. This breathtaking view of royal blue jerseys spread out across the fields is rewarding. We win some, tie some, lose some and always have a good time. Games have been real exciting. I'm proud of our kids level of play but most of all I'm proud of their sportsmanship. Hats off to our teams! We can brag that we play hard and do our best! Our parent support has been commendable. The parent cheering squad is such a positive pick-up to the kids and to coaches. Thanks Parents!

Fall baseball has been a real successful. This practice league is giving our kids added instruction in baseball fundamentals that will be of great benefit for the spring. Jack Darden, Anthony Darden, Royce Deslatte and Dwayne Darden have been a great help working with our 9-10 year old team while Steve Cole and Jamie Robinson help with our 11-12 team.

We're beginning to get serious about Cross Country training. The kids have worked hard so far. The teams are set and ready for the fun part of the seasons-the meets!! So far we've traveled to Jeanerette, Cade, and Breau Bridge. On the horizon there is Franklin, Delcambre, our meet, Hammond and the possibility of Disney World. We'll continue to do our best.



Chitimacha Cross Country Runners

The Recreation department sponsored the NFL Gatorade Pass, Punt & Kick competition on Sept. 24, 1997. The following youngsters earned first place in their respective age groups.

8/9	Adrienne Bernard	79'10"
10/11	Chelsey Cook	148'3"
12/13	Morgan Martin	234'1"
8/9	Matthew Darden	118'10"
10/11	Robert Brown	203'7"
12/13	James Hebert, Jr.	222'3"
14/15	Byron Toups	240'1"

These seven winners will now move on to a sectional competition to be held Oct. 5, 1997 in Lafayette at Clark Field. They could qualify for the team Championship to be held at the Superdome.



Front Row - l to r: Robert Brown, Matthew Darden, Adrienne Bernard; Back Row - l to r: Chelsey Cook, James Hebert, Jr. Morgan Martin and Byron Toups

I would like to thank all the departments that let us use vehicles. We've borrowed the school bus, suburban and health van on several occasions and not to mention all the parents that help out. The Tribal Council has been generous in providing us with an express van. It has been an enormous benefit to our program. Thank You Tribal Council!!! We love it and will take very good care of it.

The pool is still open for those interested. We still have a few faithful swimmers in the morning. After a good workout the pool feels great. We open at 5:30 in the morning until 7:00 P.M. We only have a couple of good swimming months left so come out and swim some laps.

The mornings have been nice and cool. There are several people walking and jogging. We're out at 6:00 A.M. if anyone would like to begin a walking or jogging program. I'd be happy to help you out. Make it a social event and at the same time do something healthy. We meet at the fitness room if you would like to join us.

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS TESTING

These were the headlines in the Banner on Oct. 1st and the first I heard of the great news. Last year we did extremely well in the fitness testing. I knew we scored well but I did not know how we scored statewide until I read it in the paper. This is an school wide accomplishment that all the kids had a part of. They worked hard all year to earn this achievement. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!! YOU WORKED HARD AND DESERVE THE RECOGNITION.**

CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
DAILY MENU SCHEDULE
OCTOBER 1997

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		October 1, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken n/Sausage Jambalaya, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 2, 1997 Breakfast Eggs, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Baked Turkey, Yams, Rice Dressing, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 3, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Sausage Poboy, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Corn-on-the-Cob, Fruit & Milk
October 6, 1997 Breakfast Oatmeal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Sloppy Joes, Salad, Cookie, Fruit & Milk	October 7, 1997 Breakfast Donuts, Ham Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Red Beans, Rice, Sausage, Salad, Fruit & Milk	October 8, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk Lunch Chicken Nuggets, Tater Tots, Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 9, 1997 Breakfast French Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Peas, Strawberry Shortcake, Fruit & Milk	October 10, 1997 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Ham & Cheese Poboy, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Fruit & Milk
October 13, 1997 Breakfast Grits, Boiled Eggs, Juice & Milk Lunch Spaghetti w/Ground Beef, Sweet Peas Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 14, 1997 Breakfast Danish, Juice & Milk Lunch Pork Chops, Parsley Potatoes, Salad, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 15, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast Sticks, Juice & Milk Lunch Chili Fritos, Corn, Salad, Cornbread, Fruit & Milk	October 16, 1997 Breakfast Waffle, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Beef Roast w/Gravy, Rice, Field Peas, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 17, 1997 Breakfast Biscuits, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Salad, Fruit & Milk
October 20, 1997 Breakfast Cinnamon Bun, Juice & Milk Lunch Lassagne, Green Beans, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 21, 1997 Breakfast Pancakes, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch White Beans w/Rice, Ham, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 22, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Fried Shrimp, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Cornbread, Fruit & Milk	October 23, 1997 Breakfast Egg, Toast, Juice & Milk Lunch Beef Tips w/Gravy, Rice, Blackeye Peas, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 24, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Sausage, Juice & Milk Lunch Hot Dogs w/Chili, Salad, Cookie, Fruit & Milk
October 27, 1997 Breakfast Bagel, Canadian Bacon, Juice & Milk Lunch Meatballs w/Brown Gravy & Rice, Creamed Corn, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 28, 1997 Breakfast Ham & Cheese Buddies, Juice & Milk Lunch Baked Chicken, Corn Casserole, Salad, Fruit & Milk	October 29, 1997 Breakfast Cereal, Hash Browns, Juice & Milk Lunch Shrimp Etouffee, Coleslaw, Jello, Roll, Fruit & Milk	October 30, 1997 Breakfast Biscuit, Cereal, Juice & Milk Lunch Roast Beef Sandwich, Salad, Cookie, Fruit & Milk	October 31, 1997 Holiday NO SCHOOL!!!

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Chitimacha School Library Club Officers for 1997 - 1998

From left to right:

**President, Beth Toups
Vice-President, Morgan Martin
Treasurer, Toni Darden
Secretary, Tasia Bernard**

Fire Department News

By Sheryl Sinitiere, Fire Chief

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 5 - 7, 1997 "KNOW WHEN TO GO: REACT FAST TO FIRE!"

The Charenton-Chitimacha Volunteer Fire Department announces the 1997 National Fire Prevention Week theme, "Know When to Go: React Fast to Fire". This annual event commemorates the anniversary of the great Chicago Fire of 1871 and will be observed October 5th - 11th this year.

Focusing on raising public awareness about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it, this year's theme for fire prevention week emphasizes the importance of responding immediately to the early warning of fire.

"Approximately 80% of all fires occur in the home, making a campaign that encourages the establishment and practice of a home escape plan crucial in the ongoing effort to save lives," announced Chief Sinitiere. Knowing two ways out of every room, responding immediately without investigation, establishing a safe outdoor meeting place, and knowing how to call 9-1-1 are the important steps in a successful home escape plan.

"But people also need to know how to respond in a variety of other situations, such as in the mall, a department store or a restaurant," he said, adding that, "It's too late to formulate a plan after the alarm sounds." Education, planning, and practice are necessary to make an escape plan work and insure the proper reaction to an alarm in unfamiliar environments. A quick and decisive response can make the difference between life and death in a fire.

Knowing how to react and doing it fast are the most important safety measures a person can take.



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The Newman Family wishes to thank
everyone for their prayers and concern during
the illness and death of Herman Newman, Jr.

Thank you,
June, Dot, Joe & Carla

ATTENTION!!!

**The Chitimacha Housing Authority is in
need of a Housing Commissioner. If you
are interested, please call Cathy Picard
at 923-7215 before 5:00 p.m. Thursday
October 30, 1997. Thank you.**

